

TO THE BRIDPORT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Rural District of Bridport for the year 1934.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The Acreage (as per 1931 Census) 32,150. The Population of the District 6900.

THE BIRTH RATE.

Live Births—Legitimate 61 ; 34 M., 27 F.

Illegitimate—1 F.

Total—62.

Birthrate—8·9.

Birthrate—England and Wales,

Live Births 14·8

Still Births 0·62

Still Births—Nil.

THE DEATH RATE.

Deaths—87 ; M. 39, F. 48.

Deathrate—12·6.

Deathrate—England and Wales 11·8.

Causes of Death—

Heart Disease—28.

Malignant—14.

Deaths under 1 year—3.

EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

During the epidemic of Diphtheria in the Borough of Bridport thirteen cases of the disease occurred in the Rural District. These were mainly children in the schools at Chideock and Symondsburry. Protective inoculation was carried out in these schools.

TABULATED LIST OF COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

No. of Persons on Register	...	...	...	223
„ Dairy Farms and other Premises	...	...	...	210
„ Inspections	...	...	...	3
„ Notices served	...	...	...	—
„ Milkshops Inspected	...	...	...	—
„ Inspections	...	...	...	—
„ Notices served	...	...	...	—

List of Animals and Slaughterhouses Inspected.

Inspections of Slaughterhouses	...	229
Carcases examined—		
Beef	...	284
Veal	...	505
Pork	...	1155
Mutton	...	623
		2567

Meat Condemned.

Carcases—Beef	...	3
Mutton	...	3
Pork	...	7
Viscera—Beef Livers	...	10
Mutton Livers	...	20
Pork Livers	...	8

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Extract from page 9 of Circular 1417, dated 25. Oct. 1934

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1934. *

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease in the area during 1934 should be given in the Report in the following form:-

Age Periods.	New Cases ϕ				Deaths γ			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- ...								
1- ...								
5- ...								
15- ...			2	1	1			
25- ...	2	3						
35- ...	1	1						
45- ...								
55- ...								
65 and upwards								
TOTALS	3	4	2	1	1	—	—	—

* (1) Also specify the ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths, and add a note as to the efficiency of notification of tuberculosis in the area, and the action taken, if any, including particulars of any proceedings taken in cases of wilful neglect or refusal to notify.

(2) If there is evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the area, a note on the subject should be included.

ϕ All primary notifications should be included, and also any other new cases of tuberculosis which came to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

γ Deaths occurring in the district amongst temporary residents, which are transferred to another district, should not be included, but deaths occurring outside the district amongst persons normally resident in the district should be included (see returns of transferable deaths furnished by the Registrar-General).

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. 13 samples of Water were taken for Analysis and new or improved Schemes at the following places were carried out :—

Loders; Shipton Gorge; Askerswell.

Drainage and Sewerage. All new Drains have been hydraulically tested before being used and a new outfall valve has been fitted at Charmouth.

Scavenging. The collection of household refuse is by means of a motor lorry and the method of disposal by ' Controlled Tipping.'

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF AREA.

No. of Inspections	...	...	...	21
No. of Informal Notices	...	...	...	18
No. Complied with	...	...	...	3

HOUSING.

Total number of new houses erected during the year

By L.A.	...	...	...	12
By other Persons	...	...	...	36

No. of houses inspected under Housing Act	...	...	...	13
No. of notices served under Housing Act	...	...	...	13

Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act.

The following is a list of Samples taken in the District during the year ending 31st December, 1934:—

Nature of Sample.	No. of Samples taken.
Bread	1
Brandy	1
Cocoa	1
Cornflower	2
Castor Oil	1
Milk	3
Mincemeat	1
Potted Meat	1
Sugar Demerara	1
Self-Raising Flour	1
Sulphur Tablets	1

Two samples of Milk were reported as being adulterated; in both cases the Vendors received a caution.

There was no Sanitary Inspector to the Rural District during the greater part of the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

May, 1935.

RALPH STANFORD, M.O.H.

